वहां की स्थिति को ध्यान में रखा था और यह उम्मीद की थी कि इस संपत्ति को राजनयिक मिशन के रूप में इस्तेमाल करने की अपेक्षित अनुमति मिल जाएगी।

सरकार ने स्थानीय जेनेवा कैंटन प्राधिकारियों से बात-मुलाकात की है तथा बर्न में विभिन्न स्तरों पर स्विस संघीय सरकार से भी, लेकिन उसे इस संपत्ति को कार्यालय के रूप में इस्तेमाल करने की अपेक्षित अनुमति नहीं मिली। इस विकल्प पर भी विचार किया गया कि इस संपत्ति का इस्तेमाल जेनेवा में स्थित संयुक्त राष्ट्र कार्यालय में भारत के स्थायी प्रतिनिधि आवास बना कर किया जाए, लेकिन यह पाया गया कि इसके लिए बहुत रद्दोबदल करनी पड़ेगी तथा इस काम पर बहुत धन खर्च होता।

इन्हीं कारणों से सरकार ने इस संपत्ति को बेचने का फैसला किया है। जेनेवा कैंटन ने इस संपत्ति को उसी कीमत पर खरीदने की रुचि दिखाई है जिसपर इसे भारत ने खरीदा था।

Introduction of Dress Code in Indian Embassy School in Riyadh

2732. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Embassy School in Riyadh has been forced to introduce a dress code that needs the female students and teachers to wear black robes covering neck to toe and also covering of their head with black piece of cloth while in school;

(b) details of the authorities in Riyadh who supposed to have imposed such dress code;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a woman teacher of the Embassy School has resigned her job in protest against the imposition of the dress code, if so, details thereof; and

(d) what steps, if any, taken by Government to protect freedom of the Embassy School in Riyadh, that enjoys diplomatic immunity from any local regulations, in having its own uniform for the students and traditional Indian dresses for teachers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) Teachers have been asked by the School Management to wear Abaya or black gown in accordance with local dress regulation which requires all ladies in the kingdom to wear it in public places. No such dress code has been prescribed for girl students though they are advised to adhere to the local dress code particularly when going out of the school premises.

(b) The General Presidency of Commendation of Virtues and Prevention of Vices, which is a Government organisation, has sent written instructions in this respect to the school.

(c) No Sir,

(d) While diplomatic missions are permitted to run school for their nationals, the school do not enjoy any diplomatic immunity or privileges and are required to follow local Government guidelines.

Involvement of foreign nationals in terrorism

2733. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many foreign nationals were found involved in terrorist activities in India, particularly linked with Kashmir and Punjab terrorism during the years 1990 to 1993;

(b) how many of them were Pakistani nationals; and

(c) how many foreign terrorists, were killed in encounter and in what manner others were dealt with for their crimes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) During the period 1990 to 1993, 113 persons known/suspected to be foreign nationals involved in terrorist activities in J & K have been killed/arrested. During the same period, 5 foreign nationals were found to be involved in terrorist activities